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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 2910

SECSTATE FOR AF, AF/W AND SCS
E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC, PFOR, NI (DARNTON, JOHN)

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FOLLOWING ARE SOME ADDITIONAL POINTS RELATIVE TO DARNTON
EXPULSION:

A) DARNTON, AFP BUREAU CHIEF POULTNEY AND PAO DISCUSSED
CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEPORTATION AND CONCLUDED THAT EXPULSION ORDER
MUST HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP SHORTLY AFTER DARNTON'S DEPARTURE FROM
LAGOS FEB 20 FOR TDY IN ETHIOPIA. DUE USUAL BUREAUCRATIC IN-
EFFICIENCY, NSO AUTHORITIES PRESUMABLY FIRST BECAME AWARE DARNTON
HAD RETURNED TO LAGOS BY READING IN MARCH 11 LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ABOUT
HIS OUSTING PREVIOUS DAY FROM ANIKULAPO-KUTI HEARING (REFTEL D)
AND EXPULSION ORDER IMMEDIATELY PUT INTO EFFECT.

B) FIRST QUERY RE EXPULSION WAS RECEIVED BY USIS 110 HOURS MARCH
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FROM DAILY TIMES WHICH HAD JUST RECEIVED TIP FROM MEA SOURCE, WHO
GAVE NO REASON FOR ACTION. IN CONVERSATIONS PAO AND IO HAD DURING
DAY WITH MININFORMATION AND NIGERIAN NEWS EXECUTIVES, ALL
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SURPRISE AND SOME STRONG SHOCK WHEN DARNTON DEPORTATION MENTIONED.

C) WITH DEPARTURE NEW YORK TIMES REPRESENTATIVE, ONE WESTERN
RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT REMAINS (AFP). HE BELIEVES TOTAL OTHER
FOREIGN MEDIA REPRESENTATION NOW CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING: TASS(1),
NOVOSTI (2), RADIO/TV MOSCOW (1), DPA (1), NCNA (2) AND GHANA NEWS
AGENCY (1).

D) IRONICAL TWIST: WHEN DARNTON PHONED NYTIMES LATE MARCH 11 TO
INFORM EDITORS OF HIS EXPULSION, THEY SAID DECISION JUST MADE TO
CLOSE TIMES LAGOS BUREAU ANYWAY IN AUGUST WHEN EXPIRATION OF CURRENT
RESIDENTIAL LEASE WOULD TRIGGER INCREASE TO MINIMAL ANNUAL RENTAL
COST OF \$32,000.
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